

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/528,694

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 6 July 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 6 July 2006 has been accepted and entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 6 July 2006, with respect to the rejection of claims 10-12 and objections to claims 13-18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 10-12 has been withdrawn. The objections to claims 13-18 have also been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 10-18 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to independent claim 10, the radiation detector (11) disclosed by Maekawa *et al.* (6,570,160), which detects a first and second type of radiation (column 3, lines 20-26), comprises a plurality of optical transducers (scintillators, 14 and 15) which convert the first radiation to a first light having a first wavelength, and convert the second radiation to a second light having a second wavelength (column 4, lines 29-39). The radiation detector further comprises a plurality of first and second photoelectric converters that correspond to each of the optical transducers and output a first and second electrical signal based on the intensity of the first and second light, respectively (photo-detectors, 17). Maekawa *et al.* fails to show optical transducers wherein each transducer

converts the first radiation to light having a first wavelength and converts the second radiation to a light having a second wavelength.

With respect to independent claim 13, the radiation detector described by Maekawa *et al.* (6,570,160) includes photoelectric converters (17), which are located downstream of a direction of the first radiation and the second radiation with respect to the optical transducer (14 and 15), but fails to show the second photoelectric converters arranged on a side of the direction of the first and second radiations with respect with the optical transducer.

With respect to claims 11, 12, and 14-18, these claims are allowable for reasons of dependency upon allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Gaworecki whose telephone number is (571) 272-8540. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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